DOCKET NO: 284523US0PCT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

SHUGO NISHI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: A. J. ZIMMER

SERIAL NO: 10/566,373 :

FILED: JANUARY 30, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1793

FOR: AMORPHOUS SILICA PARTICLES : Do not enter.

HAVING HIGH ABSORBING CAPABILITIES AND HIGH

STRUCTURAL CHARACTERISTICS

/A.Z./ 06/17/2009

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 15, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment, Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 of Christian Panz (Panz Declaration) submitted herewith, and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Discussion of the Amendment begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.